Thursday, February 14, 2008

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 95

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-4 of the City Code relating to subdivision blocks, streets, and pedestrian access (C20-07-022).

Fiscal Note: There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Planning Commission.

This amendment was initiated by the Planning Commission to change the design of residential subdivisions. The proposed changes will require more interconnected streets and more pedestrian and bicycle access between subdivisions.

The amendment will clarify existing language in the Code to specify that streets in new subdivisions connect with existing streets unless otherwise approved by the Land Use Commission. It would also require an internal pedestrian connection across any block that exceeds 900 feet in length; and would allow pedestrian access to be considered in determining whether to allow subdivisions to be developed with a single point of vehicular access.

Both City staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the ordinance.